

Rockville Hosts Third Annual Arts Awards Gala

On Jan. 2, Rockville’s Mayor and Council hosted the Third Annual Arts Awards Gala at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre to honor five local residents.

The afternoon included a “Rockville Arts Sampler” featuring vignettes by Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre, Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Community Chorus, Rockville Civic Ballet, and Rockville Concert Band. Artwork by the Rockville Art League and a video of the National Chamber Orchestra and Rockville Arts Place were enjoyed during the afternoon tea in the lobby.

Those honored during the gala included:

◆ **Rockville High School Student for Achievement in the Visual, Performing, or Literary Arts**

Jae Woo Lee is a second year photography student at Rockville High School. His photographs are always of the highest quality, revealing his mastery of the technical and aesthetic aspects of the medium. A photographer for the award-winning student newspaper, *The Rampage*, Lee is greatly admired by his peers and has a powerful and eloquent personal vision.

Becki Pskowski, a senior at Richard Montgomery High School, is an active member and on the board of the Black Maskers drama club. She also is a member and librarian for the Richard Montgomery Madrigals. As a member of the Forensics team, Pskowski represented her high school at the Montgomery County Finals in Serious Poetry. She also was awarded an honorable mention in the Maryland State Distinguished Scholars in the Arts competition. In addition, Pskowski is a featured dancer of the Rockville Civic Ballet and a writer for *Fine Lines*, an award-winning literary magazine.

◆ **Volunteer Support to the Arts**

Elliott Fein has served as presi-

dent, secretary, and treasurer for the Board of Directors of the National Chamber Orchestra (NCO). In addition, he is the program editor and technology consultant. Fein not only maintains the NCO Web site, but he sets up, programs, and repairs computer equipment for the group.

◆ **Business Support to the Arts**

The *Gazette Newspapers* has been a major supporter of the arts, and many employees of the publication also serve on volunteer boards or committees for the arts. In addition, the newspaper sponsors arts events and donates office equipment, publicity, and printing to non-profit arts organizations. The *Gazette Newspapers* is a major publisher and a standard-bearer of journalistic excellence in Montgomery County.

◆ **Lifetime Achievement for Work in the Arts**

John Moser has participated in and supported drama and other cultural activities for the benefit of Rockville as well as the broader community of Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. He serves as chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission and as co-chair of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Committee and Rockville Millennium Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Glenview Mansion Committee, a board member for Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd., and founder of the Rockville Little Theatre/Rockville Musical Theatre Consortium.

The Rockville Arts Awards were established to encourage and honor artistic excellence in its many forms, as well as to honor those people who have nurtured the furtherance of the arts in the city. The intent of the awards is to recognize the individuals, arts organizations, and arts patrons for their exemplary involvement in and support of the arts. ■

Thank You

The City of Rockville would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous support to the 2000 Rockville Arts Awards program:



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Rockville Civic Ballet

presents

The Odyssey


directed by Claudia Mangan

Saturday, April 1 7:30 p.m. (#3601) and Sunday, April 2 2:30 p.m. (#3602)

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
Baltimore Road and Edmonston Drive
(Direction Line 301-309-3007)

\$7 General Admission
\$5 Children (age 12 and younger) and Seniors (age 60 and older)

Assigned seat tickets may be purchased from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Recreation Counter, at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.



43rd Season

Rockville Concert Band

Dr. Vincent Patterson, Conductor

presents its annual **Children’s Concert**
featuring vocal selections sung by Becki Pskowski
Porter’s Always True To You In My Fashion and
Strouse’s Little Girl (accompanied by Rosemary Wasser, pianist)
My Wild Irish Rose (a traditional work accompanied by the band)

Photographs by Jae Woo Lee will be on display in the lobby

Sunday, March 26 · 3 p.m.
F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre · Rockville Civic Center Park

Free – Donations accepted



Call for Entries for F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest

If writing is your passion and short stories your forte, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. is looking for you! The conference currently is seeking entries for its Fifth Annual Short Story Contest.

- Here are the requirements to enter:
- ◆ You must be a resident of Maryland, Virginia, or Washington D.C.
 - ◆ Entries must be typed, double-spaced, no longer than 3,000 words in length, and previously unpublished.
 - ◆ There are no restrictions on subject matter.
 - ◆ Entries must include a cover sheet that includes the writer’s name, address, and telephone number. The writer’s name should not appear on subsequent pages of the story. The cover sheet will be removed upon receipt at Rockville City Hall, and each entry will be assigned a number before it is sent to the judges. All entries will be judged.
 - ◆ Entrants who would like to have their story returned must include a self-addressed envelope with the proper amount of postage.
 - ◆ Entries must be postmarked no later than July 14, 2000.
 - ◆ There is no entry fee.

To submit your story, send it to: F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference/Contest, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville MD 20850.

First prize is \$1,000 plus the invitation to read the story at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference award ceremony on Sept. 23, 2000, at Montgomery College, in Rockville, Md. The winning entry also will be printed in next year’s program, and the writer will be recognized at the 2000 conference. In addition, three runner-up prizes of \$200 each will be awarded at this year’s conference. Winners will be notified the week of Sept. 11, 2000.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. is the sponsor of the contest. Major supporters of the conference include: the City of Rockville, Gazette Newspapers, Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd., the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, and The Writer’s Center.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference was established in 1996 as part of the year-long celebration of the great American writer’s 100th birthday. Fitzgerald, author of *The Great Gatsby*, *Tender is the Night*, and other classic novels and short stories, spent childhood summers in the Rockville area, and he, his wife, and their daughter are buried at the historic Saint Mary’s Church.

For more information, call 301-309-9461. ■



F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Seeks Talented Young Writers

Wanted! Talented young writers to participate in the Third Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Student Short Story Contest. Do you have the seeds of a great short story rambling around in your brain or do you already have your powerful prose down on paper? Here’s your chance to get recognized for your work.

- The requirements to enter are:
- ◆ You must be a high school student who resides in or attends a school within the corporate limits of Montgomery County.
 - ◆ Entries must be typed, double-spaced, no longer than 3,000 words, no shorter than 1,000, and previously unpublished.
 - ◆ There are no restrictions on subject matter.
 - ◆ All entries must include a cover sheet that includes the writer’s name, address, and phone number, as well as the writer’s school, grade, and teacher’s name. The writer’s name should not appear on subsequent pages of the story. The cover sheets will be removed at Rockville City Hall, and each entry will be assigned a number before it is passed along to the judges. All entries will be judged.
 - ◆ All entries must be postmarked by July 14, 2000.
 - ◆ Entrants who would like their story returned must send a self addressed envelope with the proper amount of postage.

First prize is \$250 plus free admission to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2000, at Montgomery College, in Rockville, Md. The winning entry will be printed in next year’s conference program, and the writer will be recognized at the 2000 conference. In addition, three runner-up prizes of \$100 each will be awarded.

Winners will be notified the week of Sept. 11, 2000.

The contest is sponsored by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. and supported by the City of Rockville, Montgomery College, Gazette Newspapers, the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd., the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, and The Writer’s Center.

Call 301-309-9461 for more information.■

WANTED: Intern for Conference

F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. Seeks Intern

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. and the City of Rockville are seeking a self-motivated, creative individual interested in gaining experience in project management to fill the position of Project Management Intern. This position requires a commitment to participate through Oct. 20, 2000, with maximum time commitment in August and September. A May 1 start date is the most desirable, and the selected applicant must attend the Fifth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College on Sept. 23 and 24.

The Conference Committee and the City will provide a supervisor for the position, which is eligible for academic credit and provides a stipend of \$3,000.

Description of Work

The primary responsibility of the Project Management Intern will be to provide staff support and public relations for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. Duties include creating and distributing publicity; managing phone calls and correspondence requesting information on both the Literary Conference and Short Story Contests; maintaining a database; maintaining a ticket sales record; coordinating and overseeing conference logistics; and other duties as assigned.

The initial time commitment is, at the very most, 20 hours per month increasing to 30 hours per month by mid-year.

All the activities from May onward will reach fruition at the Fifth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.

Available Resources

The corporation provides a knowledgeable and experienced operation committee for conference planning. Further, the City of Rockville has an award-winning communication team consisting of the Graphics and Printing Division, the Public Information Office, Cable 53, and the City Web site. The City’s Department of Recreation and Parks provides liaison and logistic support to this endeavor.

Qualifications

Excellent writing and oral communications skills are a must. Applicants also must be self-directed, self-motivated, well organized, work well with others, and have an appreciation for the professional work environment.

For more information, call 301-309-3357.

FOCUS ON THE ARTS

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Congratulations to the Winners of the Rockville Student Art Show



A “hats-off” to the winners of this year’s Rockville Student Art Show. The show, which took place March 5 through 28 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, is sponsored by the City of Rockville and the Rockville Arts League.

The winners were:

12TH GRADE

First Place:
Shep Nickel, Richard Montgomery H.S.

Second Place:
Jennifer Allyn, Rockville H.S.

Third Place:
Angela Hawley, Rockville H.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Cindy I-Hsin Chu, Richard Montgomery H.S.; **Sara Hader**, Thomas Wootton H.S.; **Sophia Krist**, Rockville H.S.; and **Rachel Zurer**, Richard Montgomery H.S.

11TH GRADE

First Place:
Roberto Bejarano, Richard Montgomery H.S.

Second Place:
Sara Ruel-Bergeron, Richard Montgomery H.S.

Third Place:
Maureen Lee, Thomas Wootton H.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Lara Budeit, Thomas Wootton H.S.; **Andrew Concordia**, Rockville H.S.; **Sean Dunn**, Richard Montgomery H.S.; and **Andy Sussman**, Richard Montgomery H.S.

10TH GRADE

First Place:
Katie Hillesland, Rockville H.S.

Second Place:
Alex Lank, Thomas Wootton H.S.

Third Place:
Derick Marquez, Thomas Wootton H.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Victoria Cheng, Churchill H.S.; **Junho Choi**, Richard Montgomery H.S.; **Linden Ellis**, Richard Montgomery H.S.; and **Donna Gutman**, Richard Montgomery H.S.

9TH GRADE

First Place:
Michael Bailey, Richard Montgomery H.S.

Second Place:
Lindsey Bechtel, Thomas Wootton H.S.

Third Place:
Esther Kim, Thomas Wootton H.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Jonathan Charkas, Richard Montgomery H.S.; **Nadya Frolenkova**, Thomas Wootton H.S.; **Jennifer Hong**, Rockville H.S.; and **Roberto Loayza**, Richard Montgomery H.S.

8TH GRADE

First Place:
Chi Zhang, Robert Frost M.S.

Second Place:
Caitlin Fisher, E.B. Wood M.S.

Third Place:
Eugene Hwang, Robert Frost M.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Jennifer France, Julius West M.S.; and **Scott Thompson**, Julius West M.S.

7TH GRADE

First Place:
Katherine Nies, Home School

Second Place:
Da Hu, Julius West M.S.

Honorable. Mention:
Erin Schraibman, Julius West M.S.

6TH GRADE

First Place:
Sean Anastasi, St. Mary’s School

Second Place:
Daniel Mitler, Julius West M.S.

Third Place:
Steve Klise, Sandy Spring Friends School

Honorable Mention:
Nathan Deck, Julius West M.S.

5TH GRADE

First Place:
Philippe Roemer, Beall E.S.

Second Place:
Diane Cheng, Fallsmead E.S.

Third Place:
Ting Yang, Beall E.S.

Honorable Mentions:
Lauren Hurt, Beall E.S.; **Sabrina Kim**, Beall E.S.; and **John Nejad**, Beall E.S.

4TH GRADE

First Place:
Lizzy Fisher, Meadow Hall E.S.

Second Place:
Lauren Allen, Lakewood E.S.

Third Place:
Matthew Klise, Sandy Spring Friends School

Honorable Mentions:
Mark Daniel, St. Elizabeth School; and **Caleb Stoltz**, Christ Episcopal School

3RD GRADE

First Place:
Alex Opryszko, Beall E.S.

Second Place:
Robert Louis Milanich, Meadow Hall E.S.

Third Place:
Alexander Smith, Ritchie Park E.S.

Honorable Mention:
Tara Garraty, Meadow Hall E.S.; **Anet Hallacoglu**, Beall E.S.; **Michael Linkins**, Christ Episcopal School; and **Brooke Ludder**, Christ Episcopal School

You can take a virtual tour of the Rockville’s Web site at www.rockville.md.us. Just click on the Jew icon. To see the following members who donated their time and talent to this Rockville project: Patricia Boicourt, Joan Boicourt, Ellen Ellsworth, Donna G. G. G., Donna G. G., Eileen G. G., Marian Rice, Patricia G. G., Pat G. G., and Wedel. ■

Residents Invited to Rockville Appreciation Night

Residents are invited to celebrate the City of Rockville Appreciation Night with National Chamber Orchestra (NCO) on April 14, at 8 p.m., at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The evening will include a short ceremony in recognition of the ongoing support by the City of Rockville to the orchestra prior to their scheduled concert.

Under the direction of Piotr Gajewski, the NCO will perform Stravinsky’s *Pulcinella Suite* and Haydn’s Symphony No. 103, *Drum Roll*.

The *Pulcinella Suite* is drawn from a ballet originally composed for the Ballet Russes. The ballet was premiered in May 1920 in Paris, and it was one of Stravinsky’s happiest premieres.

English Impresario, Salomon, persuaded Haydn to leave Vienna

and come to England where he composed 12 *Salomon* symphonies. Hadyn composed No. 103 *Drum Roll* in 1795 and it was performed from February to April 1796.

During the NCO performance, Burnett Thompson will perform his world premiere of his piano concerto. Thompson has collaborated with Mstislav Rostropovich, Arturo Sandoval, Chris Vadala and Lorin Maazel. He has appeared as a soloist with the Washington Chamber Symphony, Tallahassee Symphony, Greenville Symphony, Arlington Symphony, and the American Youth Philharmonic.

Tickets for Rockville Appreciation Night are \$31 (center), \$24 (side), and \$17 (far side). To order your tickets, please call 301-762-8580. ■

You are Invited



Rockville’s History – Be a Part of It

Do you have papers, memories, letters, documents, drawings, photographs, and/or maps that help draw a picture of Rockville’s history? The Mayor and Council of Rockville and the Rockville Millennium Committee are publishing a book about the history of the City and are looking for the people, places, themes, and events that will help portray Rockville from prehistoric times through the present. If you have any of these items and are willing to share them with us for this publication, let us know. We especially need information from the 1940s through the 1990s.

Contact Eileen McGuckian at the History Project at 301-545-5633 or complete the form below and mail it to: Rockville History Project/Millennium Committee, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville MD 20850.

We will be happy to return all original materials to you.

Rockville History Project 2000

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #(s) and best time to reach you: _____

- ☐ I have information on Rockville people, places, and/or events.
- ☐ I would be willing to lend photographs to the project.
- ☐ A history of Rockville should definitely include the following. _____
- ☐ Please call me.

Spring Arts in Rockville

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

at Rockville Civic Center Park

Second Floor (accessible)

Hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday

7-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Closed official holidays

Hours subject to change

301-309-3354

March 20-28

Rockville Student Art Show

Students K-12,

varied media

Guided gallery tour, upon request

April 2-May 2

Bernice B. Duvall

watercolor paintings

Margaret Graham Kranking

watercolor paintings

Marcia Jestaedt

raku ceramics

Opening reception, April 2, 1-4 p.m.

Artist talk, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Guided gallery tour, April 14, 10 a.m.

May 7-30

Rockville Art League

Juried Member Show

varied media

Opening reception, May 7, 1-4 p.m.

Guided gallery tour, May 19, 10 a.m.

June 4-27

Maria Anasazi

mixed media, book sculptures

Aylene Fallah

mixed media installation

Opening reception, June 4, 1-4 p.m.

Artist talk, June 15, 7:30 p.m.

Guided gallery tour, June 16, 10 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts

Free – No tickets required

Conservatory – First floor,

Glenview Mansion

301-309-3354

April 2, 2 p.m.

U.S. Navy Band Horn Quartet

and Harbor Winds

May 7, 2 p.m.

Rockville Community Chorus

June 4, 2 p.m.

QuinTango

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

at Rockville Civic Center Park

March 25, 8 p.m.

Piano Recital Series

Marek Zebrowski

\$16 (center), \$12 (side), \$8 (far side)

301-762-8580

March 26, 3 p.m.

Rockville Concert Band

Children's Concert

Free

301-309-3340

April 1, 7:30 p.m.

Rockville Civic Ballet

The Odyssey

\$7 (general admission),

\$5 (children and seniors)

301-309-3340

April 2, 2:30 p.m.

Rockville Civic Ballet

The Odyssey

\$7 (general admission),

\$5 (children and seniors)

301-309-3340

April 14 and 15, 8 p.m.

National Chamber Orchestra

Burnett Thompson, Piano

\$31 (center), \$24 (side), \$17 (far side)

301-762-8580

April 30, 3 p.m.

Rockville Concert Band

Free

301-309-3340

May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Rockville Community Chorus

Free. Donations accepted.

301-309-3340

May 5, 6, 12, 13,

19, and 20, 8 p.m.

Rockville Little Theatre

A Few Good Men

\$10 (general admission),

\$9 (students and seniors)

301-340-1417

May 14, 2:30 p.m.

Rockville Little Theatre

A Few Good Men

\$10 (general admission),

\$9 (students and seniors)

301-340-1417

June 9, 10, 16,

and 17, 8 p.m.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company

Ruddigore

\$12 (general admission),

\$10 (students)

301-879-0220

June 11 and 18, 2 p.m.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company

Ruddigore

\$12 (general admission),

\$10 (students)

301-879-0220

Rockville Community Chorus

presents its annual
Spring Concert

Sunday, May 21

7:30 p.m.

Music by Gilbert

and Sullivan, and

selections from *Oklahoma*

and *The Sound of Music*

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

Rockville Civic Center Park

Free. Donations accepted.

Enjoy Noontime Serenades at Rockville Arts Place

Treat yourself to a mid-week break and join the Rockville Arts Place (RAP) for Noon-time Serenades. Relax and enjoy the classical sounds of professional musicians in an indoor setting.

This free entertainment series will take place at noon on Wednesdays in May at RAP, 100 E. Middle Lane. Be sure to bring your own lunch.

The series will kick off with a performance by Nicki Lehrer, classical guitarist, on Wednesday, May 3. Then on May 10, Sue Richards, a celtic harpist, will be featured. On May 17, David and Ginger Hildebrand will perform music of early America. *The Story Minstrels* will perform a Renaissance musical show on May 24. The final performance of the series will take place on May 31, featuring the National Chamber Orchestra String Quartet.

This spring series is sponsored by the Arts Division of Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department and is funded through a Maryland State Arts Council grant.

For more information, call 301-309-3340.